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## **Conservation Commission Minutes 02/17/2011**

Arlington Conservation Commission  
 Minutes  
 February 17, 2011

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Ellen Reed, and Curt Connors of the Commission. Charles Tirone and Catherine Garnett, of the Commission, were not in attendance. Ryan Bianchetto, Chris Naylor, Nicole Knobloch, John and Bob McNamara were also in attendance.

7:45 pm – Commission Business

White/Reed motioned to approve the 2/3 minutes as written; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. White reported on coordination of the table at Ecofest on 3/26/11. We will send out emails to coordinate staffing and Land Stewards.

Ms. Beckwith presented the Commission with the three Enforcement actions taken previously for snow dumping and asked for ratifying votes on each:

90 Lowell St – Reed/White motioned to ratify; motion passed unanimously

Arlington Coal and Lumber – White/Reed motioned to ratify; motion passed unanimously

Viking Court – Connors/Reed motioned to ratify; motion passed unanimously

8pm Certificate of Compliance – 50 Lowell St, DEP File No. 91-209, replacement of culvert conveying Mill Brook

Mr. Bianchetto presented the as-built plan and photos of Mill Brook after the work had been completed. The area was in good shape and appears to have no disturbance to the brook side vegetation.

White/Connors motioned to approve the Certificate of Compliance for this project with no ongoing conditions; motion passed unanimously.

8:30pm 1-6 Viking Court – enforcement for dumping snow in Noname Brook

Ms. Beckwith reported that she has been in touch with the property manager and he cannot make this meeting, but would reschedule to the next hearing date, 3/3.

Mr. White expressed that this area was not as heavily choked with snow.

8:45pm Menotomy Village Shopping Center at 90 Lowell St – enforcement for dumping snow into Noname Brook

Ms. Beckwith reported that she also has been in touch with the property manager of this location. They submitted a proposal to have a signed agreement with each snow removal contractor regarding the dumping of snow over the fence. They also sent out workers to remove snow from the center of the channel and this completed on 2/11/11. They sent in photos of this and Mr. White also took photos.

The Commission discussed the possibility of also installing a sign on the back fence stating “no dumping” and concurred with agreement letter.

9pm Arlington Coal and Lumber, 41 Park Ave – enforcement for dumping snow into Mill Brook

Mr. McNamara presented the Commission with receipts from his snow removal contractor and explained that the narrow section to the rear of their property is immediately adjacent to the wall next to Mill Brook and their plow operator was limited in the ability to access the snow piles. The snow that ended up in the brook was not a deliberate act and was incidental to the snow removal work

which involved pulling out the snow backwards with the plow and then loading onto trucks for offsite removal.

The snow drifts have since melted and now the Brook is freely flowing again.

The Commission asked if fencing or markers could be installed at the wall next to the Brook. Mr. McNamara was not hopeful that any fencing could be installed but said that they could try using traffic cones.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Corinna Beckwith  
Commission Administrator